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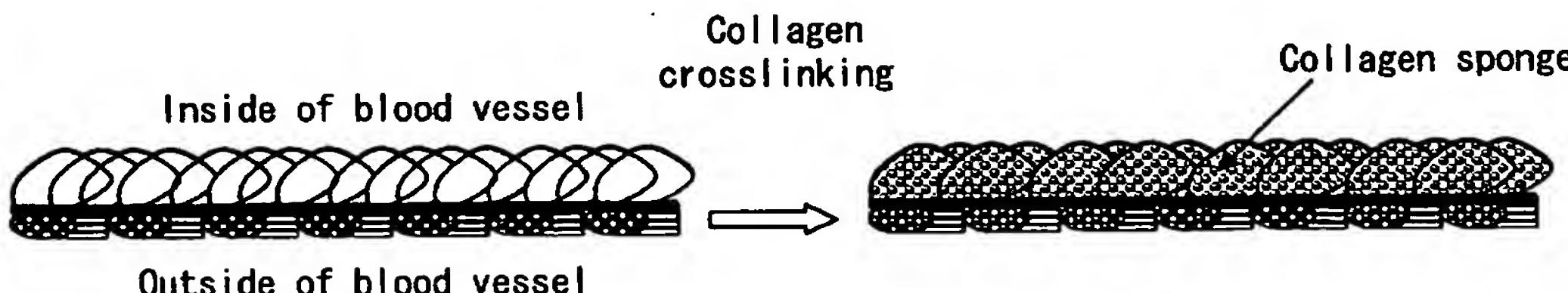
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides an implant capable of being cellularized in treatment of an injured organ or tissue in organisms. The present inventors found that a biocompatible implant comprising a biological molecule and a support is capable of being cellularized. The implant can be used instead of conventional implants which essentially comprise cells. The present invention provides a biocompatible implant comprising A) a biological molecule and B) a support. The present invention also provides A) a first layer having a rough surface, B) a rough surface; B) a second layer having a strength which allows the support to resist in vivo shock. The first layer is attached to the second layer via at least one point.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 1-102 because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 40-50, 96-100 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. Claims Nos.: 1-102 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple Inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 40-50, 96-100 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box I.1

Claims Nos.: 1-102

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1-102

Present claims 1-102 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds/products/apparatus/methods. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds/products/apparatus/methods claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds/products/apparatus/methods as disclosed in the examples:

An implant comprising:

- a first knit layer made of a biodegradable polymer
- a second woven layer made of a biodegradable polymer

Optional features:

- an intermediate biodegradable polymer layer
- a biomolecule attached to the first layer
- and all other technical features that appear in the claims and that are both founded by the description and clear

Further, a process for preparing the implant and a method of culturing the implant inside an non human organism for non therapeutical purposes.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary

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examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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